

**Minutes of the Public Works Committee  
March 13, 2014**

Chair Dave Swan called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**Committee Members Present:** County Board Supervisors David Swan (Chair), Walter Kolb, Jennifer Grant, Tom Schellinger, Keith Hammitt, Richard Morris and Pauline Jaske.

**Also Present:** Chief of Staff Mark Mader, Legislative Associate Karen Phillips, Highway Operations Manager Pete Chladil, Building Operations Manager Shane Waeghe, Architectural Technician Mike Wells, Senior Landscape Architect Steve Brunner, Senior Landscape Architect Jason Wilke, Senior Civil Engineer Bruce Barnes, Parks System Manager Dave Burch, Greg Maurice of Citgo of New Berlin and Jim Ihn of Ihn Plumbing.

**Approve Minutes of January 16, 2014**

MOTION: Hammitt moved, second by Schellinger to approve the minutes of January 16, 2014. Motion carried 7-0.

**Correspondence**

- *The Road Ahead*, NACo Policy Research Paper Series, Issue 2, 2014
- Letter from Paul Halverson, WCHA (Wisconsin County Highway Association) past-president to WCHA Membership, dated January 26, 2014
- Email correspondence relating to DTH D at Calhoun Road improvements/Citgo of New Berlin
- News Release: WisDOT asking county highway departments to conserve road salt

**Public Comment**

Maurice spoke in regard to the road reconstruction project planned for the Cleveland Avenue/Calhoun Road intersection and how it would adversely affect his business, Citgo of New Berlin, by limiting access from Cleveland Avenue. Aerial maps of the subject area and accident documentation were distributed and reviewed.

Ihn spoke in regard to the reconstruction project planned for the Cleveland Avenue/Calhoun Road intersection. His business, Ihn Plumbing, would likewise be adversely affected by the project design that would limit him to a westerly outlet to/from his property on Cleveland Avenue.

**Approval of Bid Award for Mukwonago Park Dog Exercise Area Entrance (PLU 14-03)**

Brunner and Burch were present to discuss the scope of the project and bid review. Brunner displayed a rendering of the proposed dog park exercise area within the boundaries of Mukwonago Park. The dog park area will be developed on part of a 34-acre parcel separated from the main park by Beulah Road. To answer Swan's question, the dog park area will occupy about 65% acres of the site, or about 20 acres. Further details of the scope of the project were discussed to justify the cost ( i.e. concrete sidewalk and entrance pads, fencing, asphalt parking lot for 39 cars and grading).

Brunner stated seven bids were submitted for this project, as outlined on the bid summary. Brunner recommended award of the contract to the apparent low bidder, Gavers Pavers, Inc., in the lump amount of \$96,380.

Kolb asked whether park fees cover the cost of maintenance. Burch stated there is no separate charge for the dog park, but general park entrance fee revenues typically increase 20-30% because of it.

MOTION: Schellinger moved, second by Jaske, to approve the bid submitted by Gavers Pavers, Inc. in the lump sum amount of \$96,380.

Grant asked what the original budget for the project is. Brunner stated the cost estimate was \$98,000. Jaske commented the amount seems high. Brunner noted the low bid of \$96,380 was in-line with the cost estimate, with other bids coming in close. He added that \$25,000 in privately raised funds would be utilized for this project, some of which were already used for fencing.

Motion carried 7-0.

**Approval of Bid Award for Minooka and Mukwonago Parks Restrooms (PLU 14-01)**

Burch and Wilke were present to discuss the scope of the project and bid review. Burch noted this is the final phase of the park restrooms capital project.

Wilke displayed renderings of the proposed layouts for each of the subject parks. A total of eight bids were received for this project, as itemized on the bid tabulation form. Wilke recommended award of the contract to the apparent low bidder, Burkhart Construction Corp., in the lump sum amount of \$912,700. They were the contractor on the recently completed restroom buildings at Naga-Waukee Park.

MOTION: Jaske moved, second by Schellinger to approve the bid submitted by Burkhart Construction Corp. in the lump sum amount of \$912,700. Motion carried 7-0.

**Approval of Bid Award for UW-Waukesha Northview Mechanical & Pedestrian Bridge Structural Remodel (Project No. 201401)**

Waeghe and Wells were present to discuss the scope of the project and bid review. Waeghe stated this project was deemed a maintenance project (not a capital project) and will be funded through the Department of Public Works - Facilities Management Building Improvement Plan (BIP). Waeghe provided a high-level overview of the specifications of the project, which includes the removal and replacement of existing concrete roof/walkway structure over an existing mechanical room and adjacent precast pedestrian bridge on the south side of Northview Hall on the UW-Waukesha campus.

Swan asked whether this was an unplanned project. Waeghe stated yes – routine inspection revealed serious safety issues with the potential collapse of the mechanical room ceiling. Waeghe distributed photos depicting the dire conditions.

Wells presented the bid results. A total of four bids were received for this project, as itemized on the bid tabulation form. Wells recommended award of the bid to the apparent low bidder, Ford Construction Co., Inc., in the lump sum amount of \$374,100 for the base bid and alternate #1. Based on the information submitted on the proposal form, Ford Construction has stated they can complete the work if an additional 58 days are added to the County's schedule. Wells assured the committee this term was acceptable. Hammitt asked if the other bidders had the same opportunity. Wells stated yes; no one else asked for extra time. Mader stated he conferred with corporation counsel and there are no concerns of impropriety. It is an acceptable form of bidding and within state statutes.

MOTION: Jaske moved, second by Kolb, to approve the bid submitted by Ford Construction Co., Inc. in the lump sum amount of \$374,100 for the base bid and alternate #1.

To answer Grant's question, Waeghe stated the five-year BIP has a balance of \$903,000; \$175,000 was carried over from 2013 toward this project.

Motion carried 7-0.

### **Update on Demolition of Orchard Knoll Property - 1130 Northview Road, Waukesha**

Wells was present to notify the Public Works Committee, per enrolled resolution 167-5, of the timing and circumstance of the razing of a vacant county-owned residential rental property. The Orchard Knoll property is one of the three remaining county rental properties. The property was vacated as of January 31, 2014. The house is in poor condition and has not been updated since the late 1950s. In response to Hammitt's question, Wells stated the demolition would likely take place in mid-summer.

### **Presentation on Regulations Regarding County Road Access including Cleveland/Calhoun Intersection**

Barnes distributed and reviewed a handout titled "Waukesha County Road Access Principles" and "WisDOT's Facilities Developmental Manual – Chapter 7 (Access Control) and Chapter 11". He identified aspects of traffic engineering theory, equations, methods of analysis, construction, etc. utilized to determine safe and efficient traffic flow as applicable to the access management component of county road projects.

Barnes answered questions raised by the committee members about to the Cleveland/Calhoun intersection, specifically relative to the concerns expressed in "public comment". The rationale for a signalized intersection over a roundabout at this location was discussed. Morris and Kolb felt this issue was not brought to the attention of the County Board in a timely manner. Mader advised this project was covered and approved in prior years' budgets.

Kolb, Jaske, and Schellinger expressed empathy for the small business owners and suggested alternative design plans for the intersection. Barnes explained how and why the alternatives were not feasible from a safety and traffic flow standpoint. As discussion continued, Mader advised the committee members to contact Engineering Services Manager Gary Evans and/or Public Works Director Allison Bussler if they wished to pursue further discussion on the Cleveland/Calhoun intersection matter.

### **Update on Snow Removal and Winter Maintenance**

A handout comparing Waukesha County's road salt usage over the past five years was distributed and reviewed.

Chladil provided an update on 2013-2014 winter season road maintenance, including the following statistical highlights:

- Plow truck drivers were out on the roads 28 out of 31 days in December 2013, 28 out of 31 days in January 2014, and 24 out of 28 days in February 2014, including twice on Christmas Eve and twice on Christmas Day, once on New Year's Eve and twice on New Year's Day
- \$214,000 was budgeted for overtime for county and state road maintenance - \$234,000 has been spent on overtime to date (\$209,000 in January 2014 alone)
- County salt usage: December - 13,000 tons; January - 10,000 tons; February – 3,617 tons for sand/salt mixture
- Total of 20,549 tons of salt used to date
- 77,000 gallons of beet juice used to date (beet juice, salt brine, calcium chloride mixture)

The committee commended the plow truck drivers for a job well done during this challenging winter season. Jaske request Phillips to write a letter of thanks on behalf of the committee.

### **Report on Wisconsin County Highway Association's (WCHA) Winter Road School**

Swan reviewed the highlights of the WCHA Winter Road School as summarized in his written report, including the following:

- Lending revenue streams and vehicle miles driven are declining while miles per gallon are increasing, leading to a \$1.7 billion budget gap each year. Governor Walker is looking for new ways of funding transportation.
- A reasonable transportation revenue increase is needed, along with GTA improvements and reforms
- Items on state radar: implement of husbandry (IOH), agricultural weight limits, etc.
- "Thou shall not micromanage" applicable to county government/elected officials.
- Keynote speech by WisDOT Secretary Gottlieb

### **Motion to Allow Secretary Jaske to Approve the Final Set(s) of Committee Minutes on Behalf of the Committee.**

MOTION: Hammitt moved, second by Schellinger, to allow Secretary Jaske to approve the final set(s) of minutes on behalf of the committee. Motion carried 7-0.

### **Executive Committee Reports of February 17 and February 20, 2014**

Mader summarized the highlights of the following Executive Committee meetings, which included the following:

#### February 17, 2014

- Ordinance relative to the County Clerk's Office and its newspaper publications was approved

#### February 20, 2014

- Joint Executive, Finance and Health and Human Services Committees meeting on the proposed health clinic

### **Reports by Committee Member Liaison**

Morris reported he attend the county's open house for the Ashippun River bridge/Highway CW project held on March 4, 2014 at Oconomowoc Town Hall.

### **Future Meeting Date**

- March 27, 2014

MOTION: Kolb moved, second by Hammitt to adjourn the meeting at 10:54 a.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Pauline Jaske  
Secretary